

**STATE OF RHODE ISLAND
DEPARTMENT OF CHILDREN, YOUTH AND FAMILIES**

PUBLIC NOTICE OF PROPOSED RULE-MAKING

In accordance with Rhode Island General Law (RIGL) 42-35 and 42-72-5, notice is hereby given that the Department of Children, Youth and Families proposes to repeal the following DCYF rule:

Vendor Guidelines for Establishing New Residential Programs

The provisions of this rule have been incorporated into the Residential Child Care Regulations for Licensure. In the repeal of this rule, consideration was given to the following: (1) alternative approaches and (2) overlap or duplication with other statutory and regulatory provisions. No alternative approach or duplication or overlap was identified based upon available information.

This repealed rule is accessible on the DCYF website (<http://www.dcyf.ri.gov>) or the R.I. Secretary of State's website (<http://www.sec.state.ri.us/ProposedRules/>) or available in hard copy upon request (401-528-3641). Interested persons should submit data, views or written comments by September 1, 2011, to Sarah St. Jacques, Department of Children, Youth and Families, 101 Friendship Street, Providence, RI 02903 (Sarah.St.Jacques@dcyf.ri.gov).

In accordance with RIGL 42-35-3, an oral hearing will be granted if requested by twenty-five (25) persons, by an agency or by an association having at least twenty-five (25) members. A request for an oral hearing must be made within thirty (30) days of this notice.

~~Vendor Guidelines for Establishing New Residential Programs~~

~~Rhode Island Department of Children, Youth and Families~~

~~Policy: 900.0060~~

~~Effective Date: March 18, 1986~~ **~~Revised Date:~~** **~~Version: 2~~**

~~The Department of Children, Youth and Families encourages all vendors and service providers to develop positive relationships with neighbors, local officials and the general public. Such relationships not only develop support and stability for community-based programs, but also provide an opportunity to educate the public about the programs and responsibilities of the Department and its contracted agencies. In order to encourage positive relationships, the Department has developed guidelines for agencies to follow in establishing new residential facilities. These guidelines are based on a need to provide accurate and timely information and a desire to be responsive to community concerns.~~

~~Related Procedure~~

~~Guidelines for Vendors Establishing New Residential Programs~~

~~Related Policy~~

~~Reference Practice standards — Child Care Regs/Foster Care Regs/Residential Regs?~~

~~Guidelines for Vendors Establishing New Residential Programs~~

~~Procedure from Policy 900.0060: Vendor Guidelines for Vendors Establishing New Residential Programs~~

- ~~A. When an agency has identified an appropriate site, the agency's representative will contact the Department's Licensing Officer to arrange preliminary fire and health inspections. The agency must also contact state and local fire and building authorities to ensure compliance with all codes, statutes and regulations.~~
- ~~B. The agency should make any rental or purchase and sale agreement contingent upon the receipt of licensing.~~
- ~~C. The agency notifies by certified mail elected local officials, including State Senators and Representatives, and local property owners within a 200 foot radius of the perspective location of the program. Brenda — should they notify any city/town officials?~~
- ~~D. If requested by local officials, and or neighbors, the agency will conduct a neighborhood meeting. The Department is notified by the agency and will participate in the meeting.~~
- ~~E.A. The service provider agency and the Department's contracts personnel and fiscal staff will discuss all relevant factors including program costs.~~